

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A composition for placement in a mammalian body comprising:

- a) a prepolymeric material which thickens and/or solidifies *in situ* in the presence of an exogenous trigger; and
- b) a sufficient amount of a rheological modifier to permit the composition to exhibit thixotropic behavior prior to completion of the thickening and/or solidifying the prepolymeric material.

Claim 2 (original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said prepolymeric material is selected from the group consisting of acrylates, methacrylates, acrylamides, methacrylamides, styrenes, vinyl acetate and acrylonitrile.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The composition according to Claim 1 wherein said exogenous trigger is selected from the group consisting of light, electromagnetic radiation, ultrasound, mechanical force, magnetic fields, heating or cooling, the introduction of a salt or catalyst, an acid or a base, and another reactive component.

Claim 4 (original): The composition according to Claim 3, wherein the exogenous trigger is another reactive component.

Claim 5 (original): The composition according to Claim 4, wherein the prepolymer and the other reactive component comprise a mixture of acrylates, methacrylates, acrylamides,

methacrylamides, styrenes, vinyl acetate, acrylonitrile, with one another or with maleic acid, urethane, urethane carbonates, silicone or epoxy.

Claim 6 (original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the rheological modifier is selected from the group consisting of non-particulate rheological modifiers, particulate rheological modifiers and mixtures thereof.

Claim 7 (original): The composition according to Claim 6, wherein the particulate rheological modifier is selected from the group consisting of silicatious earths, bentonite, organoclays, water-swellable clays, such as lapenite, and silicas such as fumed silica and precipitated, calcium carbonate, titanium dioxide, laminate, titanium oxide, zinc oxide, hydroxyappetite, carbon beads, dispersed fiber, magnetic materials and mixtures thereof.

Claim 8 (original): The composition according to Claims 6, wherein the non-particulate rheological modifier is selected from the group consisting of polyacrylates, polyalkenes, polyalkyl oxides, polyamides, polycarbonates, cellulosic polymers and copolymers thereof, polydienes, polyesters, polymethacrylates, polysiloxanes, polystyrenes, polyurethanes, polyvinyl ethers, polyvinyl esters, Carbopol, acrylic polymers, cross-linked acrylic polymers, hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, oxidized polyethylene and their copolymers, polyethylene oxide, polyvinylpyrrolidone, associative thickeners, Carrageenan, carboxymethylcellulose, sodium hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, methylcellulose, Guar, Guar derivatives, Locust Bean Gum, Xanthan Gum, and mixtures thereof .

Claim 9 (original): The composition according to Claim 1, which further comprises a contrast agent.

Claim 10 (original): The composition according to Claim 9, wherein the contrast agent is water insoluble.

Claim 11 (original): The composition according to Claim 10, wherein the water insoluble contrast agent is selected from the group consisting of tantalum, tantalum oxide, tungsten, gold, platinum and barium sulfate.

Claim 12 (original): The composition according to Claim 9, wherein the contrast agent is water soluble.

Claim 13 (original): The composition according to Claim 12, wherein the water soluble contrast agent is selected from the group consisting of metrizamide, iopamidol, jothalamate sodium, jodomide sodium, and meglumine.

Claim 14 (original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition further comprises one or more components selected from the group consisting of thickening agents, plasticizers, radioactive agents and surfactants.

Claim 15 (original): The composition according to Claim 14, wherein said composition further comprises a radioactive agent in a sufficient amount to ablate tissue.

Claim 16 (original): The composition according to Claim 15, wherein said radioactive agent is selected from the group consisting of ⁹⁰yttrium, ¹⁹²iridium, ¹⁹⁸gold, ¹²⁵iodine, ¹³⁷cesium, ⁶⁰cobalt, ⁵⁵cobalt, ⁵⁶cobalt, ⁵⁷cobalt, ⁵⁷magnesium, ⁵⁵iron, ³²phosphorous, ⁹⁰strontium, ⁸¹rubidium,

²⁰⁶bismuth, ⁶⁷gallium, ⁷⁷bromine, ¹²⁹cesium, ⁷³selenium, ⁷²selenium, ⁷²arsenic, ¹⁰³palladium, ²⁰³lead, ¹¹¹indium, ⁵²iron, ¹⁶⁷thulium, ⁵⁷nickel, ⁶²zinc, ⁶²copper, ²⁰¹thallium and ¹²³iodine.

Claim 17 (original): The composition according to Claim 14, wherein said composition further comprises a medicament.

Claim 18 (original): The composition according to Claim 17, wherein said medicament is selected from the group consisting of an angiogenesis inhibiting compound, a steroid or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent, and a thrombotic agent.

Claims 19-24 (canceled)